Cranganur in 1109.

Such buildings are generally constructed at the cost of the Bar Associations and not by the Government.

Water supply—Trichur town—improvement of.

212. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the steps they have taken in 1111 to improve the water supply for the Trichur town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A temporary earthen bund was put up in the Viyyur thodu soon after the north-east monsoon this year and as a result it was possible to store more water in the stream for the summer and this storage appears to have helped the springs of the supply tank in Peringavu. The supply of water to the Trichur town this year was practically continuous for all the 24 hours of the day unlike in the previous year when the supply was only intermittent. The daily supply this year was of the order of 1·2 lakhs gallons.

A scheme for a plentiful supply of water to the town by constructing a dam at Naduthodu was also investigated during the year and the estimates for the same are under preparation.

On the distribution side nearly 2 miles of pipes were laid and about 25 taps will be put up before the year is out. Further extensions are also contemplated.

Improvements of Boys' High School, Ernakulam, in 1109.

213. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the contractor for the work;

(b) were the dismantled materials accounted for;

(c) was there any correspondence between the acting Assistant Engineer and the Cochin-Kanayannur Overseer regarding the dismantled glass shutters of the school;

(d) was this verified with the details; how it ended; did the Chief Engineer report to the Diwan about the character and behaviour of Mr. Kattapuram Verghese; what did the Diwan Mr. Herbert write on the file regarding his conduct and was any punishment proposed to be given; was this file closed; if so, how and when?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Mr. A. Kumara Kaimal.

(b) The question has not been finally disposed of.

(c) No.

(d) These questions relate to matters which are by nature confidential.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this file closed or not? To say 'Yes' or 'No' is it confidential?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question relating to that file as to whether it was closed or still open is confidential.

Report of the Road Board.

214. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Road Board has made any interim or final report;

(b) which are the road and bridge works that they propose to undertake in the various years mentioned in the Proceedings that inaugurated the Road Board?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes. The final report has been submitted.

(b) Please vide the Report.

Text-books for schools—arrangements made for printing and publishing the same.

215. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action, if any, they have taken to print and publish text-books for use of schools in the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Notification inviting manuscript copies of Vernacular texts suitable for use in the Primary classes and of Malayalam copy books for classes 2, 3 and 4 for consideration were published in the Government Gazette in November 1935. The manuscripts of the text-books were to reach the Secretary, Text-book Committee, within 6 months from the date of publication of the notification and those of the copy books before 13th March 1936. On receipt of the manuscripts the Secretary has circulated them among the members of the Vernacular Sub-Committee of the Text-book Committee for their written opinions on them, allowing each

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